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Resources and Development Committee to hold public hearing at Diné College for the proposed Navajo Rangeland Improvement Act of 2014

WINDOW ROCK – The Resources and Development Committee has scheduled a public hearing for the proposed Navajo Rangeland Improvement Act of 2014 on June 30, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Diné College Gymnasium, in Tsaile, Ariz.

The proposed Act would change the authority of the director of the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture, to include the management of grazing permits, the appeals process, and supervision of the Range Technicians.

In addition, the proposed changes would establish the duties of the Range Technicians, replacing the District Grazing Committees and District Land Boards.

If the proposed changes take effect, the Department of Agriculture would manage the grazing permits, following a transition period that includes the review and reissuance of the permits.

Processes for permits in the Navajo Partitioned Lands and McCracken Mesa, seasonal permitting, and regulations to determine eligibility for grazing permits are also addressed.

Other areas include grazing fees, grazing district boundaries, fencing, range units and management, conservation management plans, improvements, recreational livestock, use of motor vehicle, burials, construction in livestock water development areas, wildlife assessment, and livestock trespass. Rules on enforcement, impoundment, and civil sanction and appeals processes are also covered.

The proposed Navajo Rangeland Improvement Act of 2014 may be accessed at www.navajonationcouncil.org under the “News” tab.

The public is encouraged to attend the public hearing and to submit comments prior to June 30. Written comments may be sent to comments@navajo-nsn.gov.

If you have questions regarding the public hearing, please contact the Office of Legislative Services at (928) 871-7254.

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